

N.C. legislature ends successful session

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By the time the last rap of the gavel sounded in the N.C. General Assembly, legislators had considered 3,722 bills and given the go-ahead to 879, in what some called an exceptionally fruitful session.

When the session came to a close on Aug. 14, the assembly had enacted bills dealing with everything from funding education to designating the shad as the state boat.

"This was one of the most constructive sessions in a long time," said Sen. Anthony Rand, D-Cumberland. "We did a lot for education, for employees, and some very positive things for business."

N.C. schools were a big winner. The eight-year education bill increases school spending by \$800 million a year, for a \$3.2 billion total package. Included in that total is \$386 million over the next two years for the Basic Education Plan and \$830 million over 10 years for the construction of new schools.

The bill went through several rounds of negotiations over ways to finance the proposals.

"The give and take in this symbolizes what the legislative process is all

about," said Jack Betts, associate editor of North Carolina Insight. "It was obviously a sort of classic compromise."

This bill is especially helpful for poorer counties who don't have the funds to hire new teachers and build new schools.

The legislature voted to end the use of the California Achievement Tests for first and second-graders in favor of the state's own testing methods. It also rejected a proposal to appoint, not elect, the state superintendent of public instruction.

In order to fund new school construction, the education plan set out by the legislators raised corporate taxes for businesses from 6 percent to 7 percent. But the Assembly abolished the business inventory tax, resulting in a \$52 million revenue loss per year.

Environmentalists also reaped the benefits of the prolific session, Betts said.

Legislators passed bills banning the use of phosphates in laundry detergents and allowing the state to make polluters pay for the clean-up of abandoned hazardous waste sites.

The legislature halted efforts aimed

at withdrawing North Carolina from the Southeastern Compact Commission, an eight-state commission formed to decide the placement of hazardous waste sites. But a proposal to construct a hazardous-waste treatment plant in Scotland County failed.

Legislators addressed the problems of a booming prison population by appropriating \$15 million in emergency funds to the prison system. The additional money will result in housing for 2,500 inmates.

In addition to the money, an 18,000-inmate ceiling placed by legislators on the prison population will force the N.C. Parole Commission to release some inmates.

The legislature also defined the legal bounds of matrimony by making it illegal for a man to rape his wife when they are living apart, even if they are not legally separated.

Although the assembly delayed a decision on whether minors must obtain parental consent for an abortion, they did not reduce state spending for abortions for poor women.

Although Martin Luther King Jr. Day got a green light from the

assembly, government employees will not get an extra vacation day when Christmas falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Legislators also followed some western states' leads and raised the speed limit on some rural highways to 65 mph. The rural parts of I-85 and I-95 are among those now at 65.

The session also saw an increase in tensions between the House and the Senate. Feuding between Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and Rep. Billy T. Watkins, D-Granville, both potential gubernatorial candidates in 1988, marred the end of the session.

Rand said that while there was some tension, the fighting would die down and the accomplishments of the session would last.

"The lieutenant governor got some bad press for a while, but actually the legislature made a lot of changes that he should get credit for," said Betts. "Given his lack of powers (because he has no vote), he had a good influence on this session."

Although the length of the session was criticized, it was not close to the record for the longest session, Betts said. Because of the length, he said, some big decisions were made earlier in the session, giving less of a "mad-house kind of crunch" at the end.

Reagan assures contra leaders of continued U.S. support

From Associated Press reports

LOS ANGELES — President Reagan told leaders of the Nicaraguan contras Thursday that "we intend to see that you have adequate funding" until a cease-fire is achieved.

Reagan, seated with members of the directorate of the rebel force at a round table in the Century Plaza Hotel, said: "We have much to thank you for. The political and military pressure you've applied, I think, is showing results."

"The Sandinistas have now signed a peace agreement based on democracy in Nicaragua," he said. "Without the freedom fighters, they will have no incentives to implement the (reform) measures they have said they will implement."

Nunn won't run

ATLANTA — Sen. Sam Nunn, who had been considered a potentially strong conservative candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said Thursday he will not run for the presidency in 1988 because of his family and Senate responsibilities.

Nunn spokesman Scott Maxwell said Nunn was sending out letters to the many supporters who had encouraged him to run, telling them he had decided against running.

A conservative Southern Democrat, Nunn is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the party's pre-eminent expert on defense matters.

South African miners fired

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The nation's largest mining company Thursday fired more than 18,000 striking black miners, including 3,000 who staged a sit-in a mile underground, after their union voted to continue an 18-day-old walkout.

News in Brief

The country's largest black labor federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said it was considering a national strike and other "solidarity action" unless the mineworkers' wage demands were met.

Strikers, riot police clash

SEOUL, South Korea — The government vowed Thursday to crush leftists who incite strikers to political violence and said a Justice Ministry team was arresting agitators disguised as workers.

Strikers and riot police fought in the southern port city of Masan and at Inchon, the port west of Seoul. Hundreds of strikes around the country continued to impair auto production, shipbuilding, electronics, mining, transportation and many other industries.

The main opposition alliance called for anti-government rallies Friday to mourn the death of a shipyard worker who became the first fatality of more than a month of labor unrest when he was hit by a tear gas shell.

Iran-contra testimony revealed

WASHINGTON — Robert Earl, a former aide to Lt. Col. Oliver North, told congressional investigators he helped North destroy documents crucial to the Iran-contra affair and that North told him that he had asked Attorney General Edwin Meese III to delay his investigation, according to testimony released Thursday.

Four days before the affair became public last Nov. 25, Earl said, he helped North sort through documents in their office next door to the White House, and that he himself ripped up or shredded papers.

Library

the use and reading of maps. The Manuscripts Collection is comprised of the Southern Historical and Southern Folklore Collections, the University Archives, and general and literary manuscripts.

The most complete collection on North Carolina and by North Carolinians is the North Carolina Collection.

It contains books, pamphlets, recordings and more than 150,000 mounted newspaper clippings. The collection is also a depository for state documents, and receives printed

materials issued by the University, such as department publications and reports of campus organizations.

"One of the most important aspects of the renovation is that we have expanded the facilities for patrons and faculty," Grendler said.

The expansion also created room for the Rare Books Collection, which contains more than 100,000 printed volumes, prints and manuscripts. It includes rare books of English literature, Southern history, crime and detective fiction.

"The effect of the building on the special collections is that there is a generation of space for existing and new materials for the rare collections," Grendler said.

She said that temperature and humidity are controlled in the library, and that ultraviolet light is screened out of the library's reading rooms.

The Triangle Research Library Network (TRLN), the on-line computer catalog which connects libraries at UNC-CH, Duke and N.C. State, is also located in Wilson.

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